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SUBJECT: REPRESENTATION AT IEA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING ON R&D

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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA ENERGY OFFICE CHIEF COSTA OCTOBER 29 TO PRESENT NOTE VERBALE MAKING POINTS PARA 4 AND 5 REFTEL AND UNDERLINING US INTEREST IN HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL GOI REPRESENTATION. COSTA AGREED WITH IMPORTANCE OF MEETING AND NEED FOR HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION, AND SAID THAT GOI HAD NOT RPT NOT YET CHOSEN ITS REPRESENTATIVE. THE SCIENTIFICALLY-QUALIFIED WERE SELDOM POLITICALLY-QUALIFIED, HE SAID, WHILE THE POLITICALLY-QUALIFIED WERE NOT SCIENTIFICALLY-KNOWLEDGEABLE. RECOGNIZING DR. SEAMAN'S POSITION, COSTA SAID THAT GOI WOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND ITALIAN EQUIVALENT. EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS CHOICE IS MADE.

2. GOI POSITION ON TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED NOT RPT NOT YET SOLIDIFIED. COSTA RE-EMPHASIZED BOI COMMITMENT TO IEA EFFORTS IN ENERGY RESEARCH FIELD.

3. DURING MEETING, COSTA UNDERLINED GOI DESIRE FOR GLOBAL APPROACH, AVOIDING PIECEMEAL APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS ALREADY REACHED. DESPITE NEED TO SHOW PROGRESS, PIECEMEAL APPROACH ONLY CONCEALS NEED FOR AGREEMENT ON LARGE ISSUES, INCLUDING THOSE OF GREATEST INTEREST TO ITALY SUCH AS FREEDOM OF ACCESS TO RAW MATERIALS, OBLIGATION OF HAVE-COUNTRIES TO PERMIT RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR RESOURCES, AND NEED TO CONSIDER OVERALL DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS AND BENEFITS. COSTA ADDED THAT USG HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY SYMPATHETIC AND HELPFUL IN THIS MATTER, BUT THAT CANADIANS, UK AND OTHERS SEEMED PARTICULARLY INTRANSIGENT ON THESE ISSUES. VOLPE

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